

## AMENDMENTS AND LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A method of treating skin of ~~domesticated farm animals including~~ dairy cattle, said method comprising applying a non-toxic, germicide, fungicide and healing composition in powdered form topically to said skin, said composition comprising (a) finely divided, particulate ~~chlorhexidine-containing material~~ chlorhexidine acetate, (b) finely divided, particulate zinc-containing material selected from the group consisting of zinc chloride, zinc nitrate, zinc oxide, zinc phosphate, zinc peroxide, zinc iodide, elemental zinc and mixtures thereof and (c) an inert, powdered carrier, with said ~~chlorhexidine-containing material~~ chlorhexidine acetate and said zinc-containing material being present in an amount to achieve effective germicidal activity.

10. (currently amended) The method in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said zinc-containing material is present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 15% by weight, and wherein ~~said chlorhexidine-containing material is chlorhexidine acetate and~~ said chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 12% by weight.

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11. (Original) The method in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said zinc-containing material is present in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 6% by weight, and wherein said chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.2% to about 5% by weight.

Claims 12-14 (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A method of treating skin of ~~domesticated farm animals including~~ dairy cattle, said method comprising applying a non-toxic, germicide, fungicide and healing composition in powdered form topically to said skin, said composition comprising (a) finely divided, particulate ~~chlorhexidine-containing material~~ chlorhexidine acetate, and (b) an inert, powdered carrier, with said ~~chlorhexidine-containing material~~ chlorhexidine acetate being present in an amount to achieve effective germicidal activity.

16. (currently amended) The method in accordance with Claim 15 wherein said ~~chlorhexidine-containing material is~~ ~~chlorhexidine acetate and said~~ chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 12% by weight.

17. (previously presented) The method in accordance with Claim 16 wherein said chlorhexidine acetate is present in an amount of from about 0.2% to about 5% by weight.